



## KANSAS SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

STATEWIDE RESOURCES ON DEAFNESS AND BLINDNESS

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Potential KSD Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Kansas School for the Deaf. The information below lists the different volunteer opportunities and the requirements and application process for each.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING AT KSD

- Volunteer on a regular basis
- Volunteer for events, as needed
- Volunteer as a large group for a community service project
- Volunteer in order to fulfill high school graduation requirement

### ***VOLUNTEERING ON A REGULAR BASIS***

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

Applicant must:

- be eighteen (18) years of age or older
- demonstrate conversational skill level in American Sign Language
- pass a background check
- be able to wait up to 2 months to start volunteering

#### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Fill out a volunteer application which can be found at this link \_\_\_\_\_. After completing the application, send it to Lori Colwell via email to [lcowell@kssdb.org](mailto:lcowell@kssdb.org) or mail to her at KSD.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

Your application will be reviewed and if there is a need that fits your availability and interest, Lori will contact you to arrange a time to meet to:

- verify your ASL skills
- give you background check paperwork to fill out and sign
- get a copy of your Driver's License and Social Security card.

Upon passing the background check, you will go through a volunteer orientation and meet the staff person you will be assisting before you begin to volunteer.



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### ***VOLUNTEERING FOR EVENTS (ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS):***

Send an email to Lori Colwell at [icolwell@kssdb.org](mailto:icolwell@kssdb.org) and include the following information:

- name
- age (must be at least 16 years of age)
- area of interest such as athletics, public events, camps etc.

As needs arise, Lori will send you an email to inquire about your availability.

### ***VOLUNTEERING IN ORDER TO FULFILL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS***

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

Applicant must:

- be over the age of 16
- demonstrate conversational skill level in American Sign Language
- verify that the hours needed are to fulfill graduation requirements
- submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher
- have parent approval

#### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Fill out the volunteer application which can be found at this link \_\_\_\_\_. After completing the application, send it to Lori Colwell via email to [icolwell@kssdb.org](mailto:icolwell@kssdb.org) or mail to her at KSD.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

Your application will be reviewed and if there is a need that fits your availability and interest, you will be asked to submit verification of the need for volunteer hours to fulfill your graduation requirements. You will then meet with Lori to:

- verify your ASL skills
- turn in your letter of recommendation
- go through a volunteer orientation with a parent
- meet the staff person you will be assisting

### ***LARGE GROUP VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT***

To inquire about a group volunteering time at KSD for a community service project, email Lori Colwell at [icolwell@kssdb.org](mailto:icolwell@kssdb.org). Your request/proposal will be directed to the appropriate person at KSD who will then contact you.

### **Alternative Opportunities**

If you don't meet the requirements to volunteer, you are encouraged to check out the following opportunities:

- Attending sporting events at KSD
- Attending events at the Museum of Deaf History and Culture
- Attending events at the Olathe Club of the Deaf

Links providing information/schedules for each of these can be found on the KSD website [ksdeaf.org](http://ksdeaf.org)

If you have questions, email Lori Colwell at [icolwell@kssdb.org](mailto:icolwell@kssdb.org).

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